

Pedersen Property, Montesano Site Public Participation Plan

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Introduction

The Pedersen Property site is located at 419 1st Street in Montesano, WA. Use of the property has included service stations that sold gasoline and diesel fuels, bulk petroleum product storage and dispensing to delivery trucks, and an auto repair shop. As a result of activities on the site, soil and possibly groundwater have been polluted with petroleum hydrocarbons. These contaminants pose a threat to human health and the environment.

For more information about the site's history and pollution, please read the attached Agreed Order No. DE 3147 for Access for the purpose of Ecology conducting a remedial investigation and cleanup.

What is a Public Participation Plan?

Under Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.15D RCW), the public is guaranteed opportunities to learn about and provide input on important cleanup decisions.

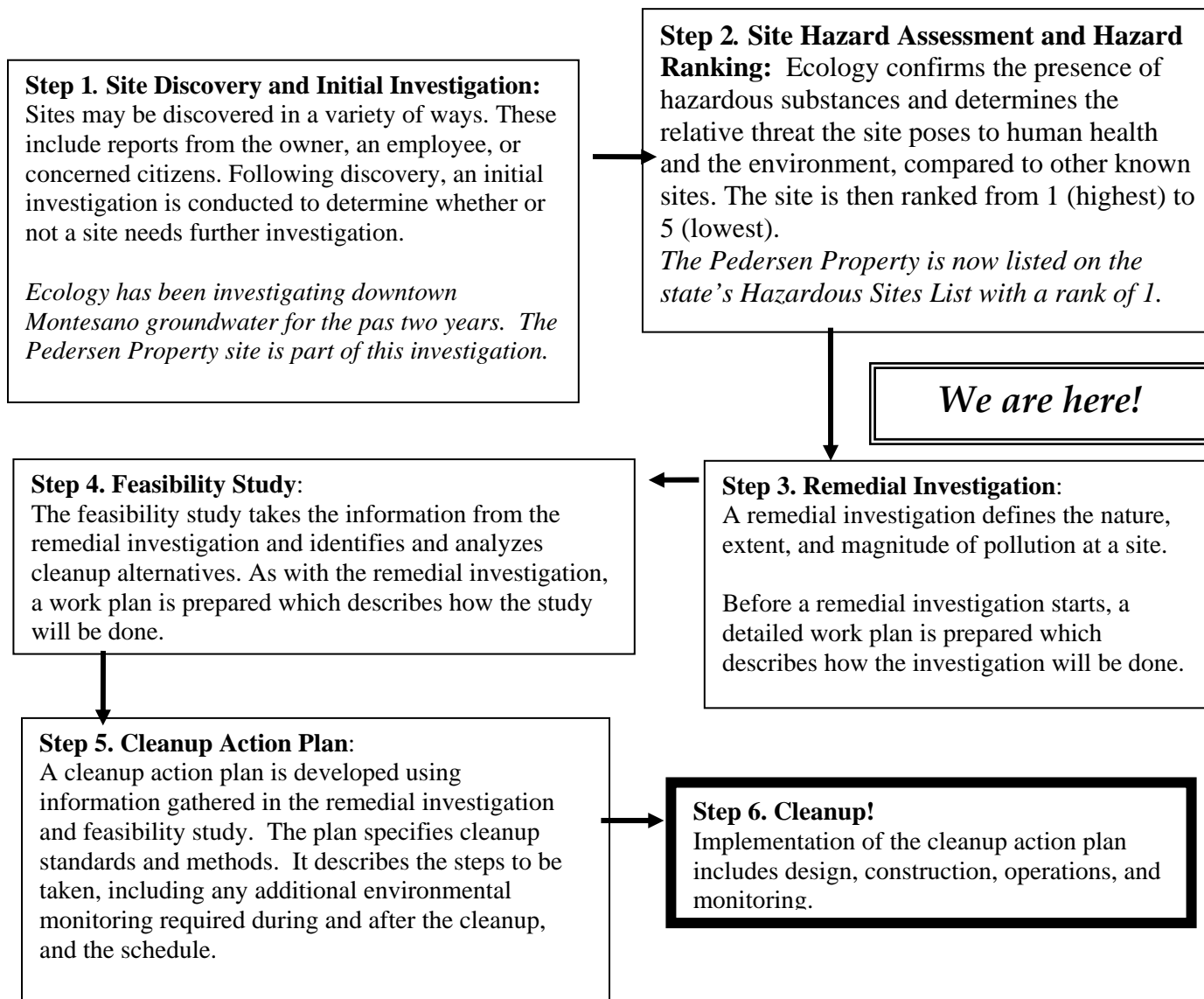
Ecology's goal is to encourage public understanding of and participation in the investigation and cleanup of the Pedersen Property site. This plan describes how the public will be kept informed and involved. This plan may need to change as the investigation and cleanup moves forward. If big changes are made to this plan, the public will be invited to review and comment on the changes.

Public Participation Grants Available

Grants may be available to neighborhood committees, non-profits, and other groups near the site. These funds may be used to provide additional public involvement, to receive technical assistance, and/or enhance the public's understanding of the cleanup process. For more information, contact Kathy Seel at (360) 407-6061 or KSEE461@ecy.wa.gov, or visit Ecology's Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program website: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants.html

Steps in the Cleanup Process

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) defines each step of the cleanup process to protect human health and the environment. The chart below describes each step.



Some steps described in the chart include “agreed orders” or “consent decrees”. These are agreements between Ecology and the parties responsible for cleanup of the pollution. In addition to the steps in the chart, “interim actions” may be taken during steps 1 through 5 (the investigation) to reduce or eliminate pollution that poses an immediate threat to human health or the environment.

The cleanup process is complex. Issues often arise that require more attention or evaluation, and may lead to changes in the steps or schedule. Every effort will be made to keep the public well-informed of changes.

Milestones and Public Involvement Opportunities

Key actions and public participation opportunities expected for the Pedersen Property site are listed below.

Milestones and Public Involvement Opportunities for the Pedersen Property Montesano Site	
MILESTONE	ESTIMATED DATE
Draft Agreed Order for access for Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Interim Actions	September 30, 2006
Public Comment Requested: Public notice provided by Fact Sheet, Site Register Notice, Legal Ad	September 30, 2006
Final Agreed Order for access for Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Interim Actions	October 30, 2006
Contracting for consultant to perform a Remedial Investigation	November, 2006
Perform Remedial Investigation	February – March, 2006
Draft Remedial Investigation Report	April, 2006
Final Remedial Investigation Report	April, 2006
Draft Feasibility Study	April, 2006
Final Feasibility Study	April, 2006
Draft Cleanup Action Plan	May, 2006
Public Comment Requested: Public notice provided by Fact Sheet, Site Register Notice, Legal Ad	May, 2006
Final Cleanup Action Plan	May – June, 2006

Public Participation Tools to Be Used

Ecology and The Jeffrey A. Pedersen Credit Trust will use a variety of tools to involve the public in the investigation and cleanup of the site. The tools to be used are described below. This list of tools may change as more is learned about the site.

Formal Public Comment Period: The public will be asked to provide comment on key decisions and actions related to the site. The public will be invited to comment at specific points during the investigation and cleanup (see Milestones and Public Involvement Opportunities for the Pedersen Property site, page 3), and will have at least 30 days to provide comment. Comments will need to be provided in writing (by letter or e-mail), or by phone.

Responsiveness Summary: After every public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and may respond in a written responsiveness summary. The summary would then be made available to the public at the information repositories listed below.

Information Repositories: Documents and other printed materials will be made available to the public at two convenient locations near the site. Printed materials will be placed at the repositories listed below during comment periods and will remain there for the duration of the cleanup process. Ecology also can provide copies of documents upon request for a small fee.

- **W. H. Abel Library**, 7125 Main Street South, Montesano, (360) 249-4211
- **Montesano City Hall**, 112 North Main, Montesano, (360) 249-3939
- **Washington State Department of Ecology**, SW Regional Office, Toxics Cleanup Program 300 Desmond Drive, Olympia, (360) 407-6365

Site Register and Public Events Calendar: Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program will use its bimonthly *Site Register* and web-based *Public Involvement Calendar* to announce all public meetings and comment periods related to the investigation and cleanup of the site. To receive a copy of the *Site Register*, please contact Linda Thompson at (360) 407-6069 or LTHO461@ecy.wa.gov. Copies also are available on the Ecology website at www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/site_reg.html. Ecology's *Public Involvement Calendar* may be found at www.ecy.gov.

Public Meetings: Public meetings may be held to share information or hear public comment when an issue is complex or there is a high level of interest in the community. Fliers, articles or display ads in *The Vidette* and other methods will be used to well-publicize the event if a public meeting is scheduled.

Mailing List: Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program has developed a mailing list for downtown Montesano and related cleanup sites. Ecology will update the list as needed. Please contact Marv Coleman at (360) 407-6259 (phone) or MCOL461@ecy.wa.gov (e-mail) to be added to or removed from the mailing list.

Fact and Focus Sheets: Fact and focus sheets for the site may be used to inform the public of meetings, comment opportunities on key decisions and actions, and other important activities. These brief fliers will be:

- mailed to key stakeholders, including property owners and residents within Montesano;
- made available at the repositories listed above; and
- posted on Ecology's website: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/pedersen_property/pedersen_property_hp.htm

News Releases: Ecology may issue news releases to the media on major milestones, significant events, and accomplishments related to the site.

Contacts

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